# In Local Churches.

street southeast, held on the 13th instant, the following officers were elected for the Brewer, E. S. Hantzmon, W. B. Hartley, W. H. Johnson, W. H. Bohannon, George W. White, George L. Clubb, Frank Nichols, James Mathieson; stewards, W. B. Hartley, W. H. Johnson, W. H. Womersley, Harry T. Kelley, Charles A. Wayson, Harry P. Johnson, W. H. Lyles, Miss Florence Pritchard, Mrs. Jessie R. Gates, Mrs. Sarah Stewart, Mrs. Annie Chenoweth; delegate to the Maryland annual conference, school, W. T. Watts; assistant superintendent, J. Harry Dove; secretary, W. J. Brewer; assistant secretaries, Harold Watts, Walter Burgess; treasurer, Florence Pritch-ard; librarian, W. P. Hartley; assistant librarians, Frank Dove, Roy Risler; organist, Miss May Campbell; superintendent of primary department, Miss Effic R. Rowe: tendent of intermediate department, Mrs. Walter Burgess.

Christian Endeavor Society-President, Miss Effie R. Rowe; vice president, Hoburg Lee; secretary, Dora Hartley; treasurer, Annie Rowe; corresponding secretary Eunice F. Hartley; junior superintendent

Young people of the Home Missionary Society of the Washington district are arranging to hold a quarterly meeting of unusual interest at the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church Tuesday evening next. An address will be delivered by Mrs. Woodcock of Nebraska. A carnival of nations under our flag will be presented by forty young people in native costumes. The senior societies of the District will assist Woodcock and Miss Matthews, missionary

Rev. Dr. J. G. Butler, pastor of the Luther Place Memorial Church, who has been housed with grip for several weeks, expects to be in his pulpit tomorrow morning. Tomorrow is the thirty-fourth anniver-sary of the Luther Place Memorial Church, and Dr. Butler expects to speak upon an

Catholic Church, who are banded together under the caption of the St. John Berchman's Sanctuary Society, participated in a ceremony at the 7 o'clock mass on Laetare Sunday, March 10, when they went to com-munion in a body as an "humble token of affection and esteem" for Archbishop Harty of Manila. There was a large congregation of the parents and friends of children. Archbishop Harty was the celebrant of a mass at 7 o'clock, when he was assisted by Rev. Jose R. Chousa, canon of the Cathedral of Manila. There were ninety boys within the sanctuary in cassock and surplice and they made an

Archbishop Harty is said to have been much moved by the tribute of respect. At a reception tendered the boys in the sacristy after the mass he declared that, though he had visited many basilicas in this country and abroad, the boys at St. Aloysius excelled in modesty and religious decorum. He presented each of the boys with a silver medal, and they in turn presented the archbishop with a handsome memento of the occasion, an elaboration of the program prepared for general distribution at the ceremony.

The leaders in the society are: Director. Mr. Francis A. Byrne, S. J.; Frederick L. Devereux, master of ceremonies; P. Joseph King, Richard C. Lawlor, acolytes; John T. S. Burns, John J. Fitzgerald, thurifers; Walter J. Burns, Robert E. Holland, John A. Dore, Leo B. Norris, assistants; Harry Donoghue, Francis B. Lanahan, Edgar J. Cavanagh, leaders; the Little League of the Blessed Sacrament, whose duty it is to nagh and James Aloysius Fennell.

Rev. M. D. Noon of the Dominican House of Studies will deliver a panegyric on the life of St. Patrick, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, tomorrow, the Feast of St. Patrick. Rev. Ignatius Fealy, assistant pastor of the church, will be the celebrant of the sole in high mass.

Dr. Edward P. Shanahan of the faculty of the Catholic University of America, will address the Lenten Club for Men at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart tomorrow even-ing at 7:30 o'clock.

Quarterly meetings of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission ry societies of the Washington district, will be held at the Metropolitan M. E. Church, John Marshall minster society, and addresses were delivered by Miss Reese, Mrs. Orem, Messrs. W. A. H. Church, H. E. Bettinger, L. S. Depue and others. place, next Wednesday. Miss Alma Mat-thews, missionary on Ellis Island, and miss Anna Hobbs Woodcock will address the

The program will be in part as follows: Home, 10 a.m., Mrs. J. E. Gilbert, president—Scripture lesson, Mrs. J. B. Fitzgerald: prayer, Mrs. Amy Gray; greetings, Rev. Frank M. Bristol, D. D.; children's home missions, Miss Helen U. Ferguson; woman's home missions, Mrs. Howell Bartle; literature, Mrs. R. L. Wright; syste-matic beneficence, Mrs. J. Finney Engle; solo, Miss Alice Wells; duet, Miss Swartz and Miss Wells; treasurer's report. Miss

Foreign, 1:30 p.m., Mrs. Frank M. Bristol. presiding.—Devotional exercises, Miss Elizabeth Pierce; minutes, Miss Caroline F. Smith; mite boxes, Mrs. A. B. Lacey; periodicals, Mrs. H. P. McIntosh; young woman's work, Mrs. E. L. Harvey; corresponding secretary's report, Mrs. R. M. Moore; Easter offering, Mrs. H. R. Naylor; special work, Miss Ruth Crandall; bureau of supplies, Mrs. Edwards; magazine fund. Miss Emmert: treasurer's report, Mrs. M. F. Rodrick; assistant treasurer, Miss Bertha

## BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

A joint meeting of the Senior and Junior Brotherhood assemblies of Washington will be held next Monday evening in the Sunday school room of the Pro-Cathedral Church of the Ascension, corner 12th street and Massachusetts avenue northwest, at which addresses will be delivered by Bishop Ethelbert Talbott of central Pennsylvania and Mahlon N. Kline of Philadelphia, second vice president of the Brotherhood of St, An-

For the last week of the noonday Lenten services, held under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at the Church of the Epiphany, G street near 13th northwest, the speakers will be: Monday and Tuesday, Rev. Dr. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of St. Margaret's Church; Wednesday and Thursday, Rev. Dr. Randolph H. Mc-Kim, rector of Epiphany Church, and the last day, Friday, Rev. J. A. Aspinwall, chaplain of the brotherhood.

The brotherhood chapter of St. Mary's Church has the following officers for the en-suing year: Parker N. Bailey. director; Walter J. Singleton, secretary and treas-

Special services are being held each Wednesday during Lent at St. Paul's Church, Washington Circle, under the auspices of the brotherhood chapter of St. Paul's par-

The transportation committee for the international convention of the Brothergood of St. Andrew, which is to be held in Washington next September, consists of George R. Anderson of St. Andrew's chapter, chairman: William A. Smith of Loiphany chan ter, W. S. Wingate of Ascension chapter, H. E. Barringer of St. Andrew's chapter and T. O. Ebaugh of Trinity chapter.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES.

Miss Sammons, treasurer of the Presby terian Christian Endeavor Missionary Union, spoke at the meeting of the Senior C. E. Society of the Church of the Cove-

Miss Campbell of the Western Presbyterian Church, who has been in a mission study class of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Church of the Covenant, is organizing a similar class in her own so-

At the annual meeting of the members of the First Methodist Protestant Church, 4th man; treasurer, Miss Bessle Barnes; tendent. Mrs. Benjamin Woodruff: assistensuing conference year: Trustees, N. ant junior superintendent, Mrs. J. E. Litbers of the society, and it has appropriated about \$32 to missions during the past year, besides meeting the usual expenses.

Christian Endeavor Society of New York Avenue Church Monday evening it was de-cided to replace the usual Christian Endeavor topics for six Sundays, beginning the first Sunday in April, by a short course in mission study. The course will be a study of immigration, and the book, "Aliens W. H. Womersley; alternate delegate, E. S. or Americans?" will be used as a text book. Hantzmon; superintendent of Sunday Mrs. D. E. Wiber, young people's secretary of the presbytery of Washington, will con-

The Associated Charities committees have asked the Christian Endeavorers of the city to assist them in doing some copying. They have about fifty books to be copied. They have some promises of aid from Christian Endeavor societies, and they ask that so-cieties and individuals assist in this work. Miss H. B. Haynes, 923 H street, has charge of the work.

Dr. Jordan of Persia will address Presbyterian young people Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the New York Avenue Church. The presidents, missionary chairmen and missionary treasurers of Christian Endeavor societies are expected to be present, as well as a large number of other Endeavorers. The Presbyterian young people of this presbytery support Dr. Law-rence in Persia, and Dr. Jordan will tell about the work of Dr. Lawrence.

Berwyn has a flourishing Junior Christian Endeavor Society, of which the following are officers: Superintendent, Mrs. H. Roby; president, Leonard Fischer; vice president, Wilbur Baughman; secretary, Pauline Roby; treasurer, Halvor Barrows, Comchairmen: Leokout, Amy Beall; prayer meeting, Halvor Barrows; mission-ary, David Hazard; flower, Lester Kee-fauver; social, Wilbur Baughman.

The committee on public meetings of the Christian Endeavor Missionary Union has arranged for a dinner at the Young Men's Christian Association Monday evening, March 25, at 6 o'clock. This is the time appointed for the annual meeting, and after the dinner there will be one or two brief addresses, the annual reports will be read and officers for the ensuing year will be

Christian Endeavor convention at Seattle will be given by Woodworth Clum at the First Congregational Church Friday, March 29, at 8 p.m. The three talks cover the trip, as follows: March 29, Washington, D. C., to Seattle, Wash., including Canadian Rockies; April 26, Seattle to Salt Lake City, including California; May 24, Salt Lake City to Washington, D. C., including Yellowstone Park. Mr. Woodworth Clum, who will give the "talks," has been over the ground to be covered by the trip many times and will entertain his hearers in a most interesting manner. Many of the most interesting manner. Many of the lantern slides which will be used to illustrate the talks are new. These talks will be free, but admission will be by card only. Cards may be secured at Christian Endeavor headquarters, in the Bond build-ing, at the office of the First Congregational Church, and office of Edward Tar-

In regard to Dr. Woodrow of Springfield, Mass, who has accepted the call to the pastorate of the First Congregational Church of this city, William Shaw, general secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, says:

"We count him as one of the ablest Congregational ministers in Massachusetts— one of the warmest and most helpful friends that Christian Endeavor has ever carry the communion cards at all the masses, George Elmer Donn, Joseph Anthony Fennell, Joseph Michael Geler, Aloysius Robert Mack, Christopher Aloysius McCarthy, Francis Xavier Cavameetings of the Springfield union when he has been present with ninety of his Endeavorers. He will be a strong addition to the religious forces in Washington, and will, I am sure, be particularly helpful to your Christian Endeavor work. He has a genial, attractive personality and is a speaker of unusual force."

> The Christian Endeavor societies of the Church of Christ, Christian and West-minster Presbyterian united March 3 in a joint consecration meeting at the latter The meeting was led by Mr. George E. Croswell, president of the Westminster society, and addresses were de-

# Christian Endeavor Hour

Conducted by Grace Livingston Hill-Lutz. For Sunday, March 17, 1907.

Topic: "What is Success?" Proverbs, iii:1-18. 1: My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: 2. For length of days, and long life, and peace

Our chapter this week is a recipe for suc-Elia I. Stinemetz: 'How We Greet the Immigrant.' Miss Alma Matthews; "America for Christ," Mrs. Anna Hobbs Woodcock; lie has some condition. Just as the housecess. The above verses give the heading. ise has some condition. Just as the housewife follows the directions in her cook book, putting together the eggs, and the flour and the sugar, and placing them under the right conditions of heat, expecting a perfect cake, so may the Christian taking this recipe and following its minute directions find peace, happiness, long life. The word of the Lord is sure. There are many chapters in the Bible that give a clue to success, but perhaps none that gives a broader outlook on the necessary conditions for success than this one. It goes into details that are helpful in daily life.

> Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:
>  So shalt thou find favor and good understand-ing in the sight of God and man. This is an older way of saying "Honesty is the best policy" and "Mercy is the brightest jewel that adorns the conqueror's

brow."

These two things, mercy and truth, are necessary for a good foundation for success. Success is of God, and God does not send perfect, lasting, deep success to lives that are dishonest and cruel. It may seem a sordid way to look at things, yet it is true that the man who makes his gains in the world dishonestly will sooner or later lose by it more than he has gained.

Then, flotice that in this recipe for success it is not merely success in one line that is promised—not merely financial success, which is what so many mean by that word-not merely social or intellectual success-not any one of these alone, but success as a whole, and with it all "peace." Can one have peace, be he ever so rich or great, live he ever so long a life, if in his heart he knows he has been dishonest or hard and unmerciful? Mercy and truth then are foundation stones. And the re-ward follows in the "favor and good unward follows in the "favor and good un-derstanding" which is necessary to all suc-cess. But the understanding and favor are not alone in the eyes of the world, they begin in the eyes of God. If God sees we intend to be true all the way through, dealing kindly with His other children and being crystal clear in honesty, then we are sure of His favor, and what greater

5. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. lean not unto thine own understanding.
6. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Here, now, is the wise Master builder

favor could we have?

whose help we must secure to build this temple of success. And He will not accept the contract unless we on our part will trust to His advice perfectly, even though there come times when we cannot understand why His ways are right nor

how things are coming out.

Mr. Moody told the following story of how he taught his little boy what faith was: "I put him on the table and stood back three or four feet and said, Willie, jump. The little fellow said, 'Papa, I'se afraid.' I said, 'Willie, I will catch you. ciety.

Just look right at me and jump.' The little fellow got all ready to jump and then looked down again and said, 'I'se afraid.' I said, 'Willie, didn't I tell you I would they will be installed about the first Sunday in April. The officers are: President, will be oken again and said, 'I'se afraid.' I said, 'Willie, didn't I tell you I would catch you? Will papa deceive you? Now, who will give him a cordial welcome. 'Willie, look me right in the eye and jump' who will give him a cordial welcome.

and I will catch you.' The little fellow got all ready the third time to jump, but he looked on the floor and said. The afraid.' 'Didn't I tell you I would catch you?' 'Yes.' At last I said, 'Willie, don't take your eyes off me, and I held the little fellow's eyes and said. 'Now, jump; don't look at the floor;' and he leaped into my arms. Then he said to me, 'Let me jump again!' I put him back, and the moment he got on the table he jumped, and after that, when he was on the table and I was standing five or six feet away, I heard him cry, 'Papa, I'se coming,' and had just time cry, 'Papa, I'se coming,' and had just time to rush and catch him. He seemed to put too much confidence in me. But you can't put too much confidence in God."

How many of us ever considered that
public acknowledgment of Christ "in all
our ways" was a condition of being led—

of our sometimes failure. 7. Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

8. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to

directed? Perhaps therein lies the secret

"Fear the Lord and depart from evil" covers all those temptations of the body, the appetites, which lie in wait to deceive us. With the fear of the Lord ever before us we shall be the more able to "depart from evil," and certain it is that there can be no true success in life hampered by a body made heavy and weak with many yieldings to temptation. This applies as well to the little appetites as to the greater; as well to him who will drink the coffee that his physician says makes indigestion, or will eat cake and ple late at night, or will go out in the wet without rubbers, as to the man who yields to his desire for loses her temper as to the woman who loses her good name, for it all comes from a mere desire to do as she pleases. Where not rule. They may appear and tempt, but they are not in the ascendency, so that to "depart from evil" becomes well nigh an

9. Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase:

10. So shall thy barns be filled with pienty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

"The opinion of no man who does not render back his soul to the living God and live in Him is, in religion, worth the splinter of a straw. Friends, cast your idol into the furnace; melt your mammon down, coin him up, make-God's money of him and send him coursing. Make of him cups to carry the gift of God, the water of life, through the world—in lovely justice to the oppressed, in healthful labor to them whom no man hath hired, in rest to the weary who have borne the burden and heat of the day, in joy to the heavy heart-ed, in laughter to the dull spirited. Let them all be glad with reason and merry without revel. Ah! what gifts might not the mammon of unrighteousness, changed back into the money of God, give to men and women, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh! How would you not spend your money for the Lord if he needed it at your hand! He does need it; for he that spends The first of a series of three "Travel hand! He does need it; for he that spends it upon the least of his fellows, spends it upon the Lord. To hold fast upon God the control of the least of his fellows, spends it upon his Lord. To hold fast upon God the least of head and one will be a series of the least of head and one will be a series of the least of head and one will be a series of the least of head and one will be a series of three "Travel" it upon the least of head and one will be a series of three "Travel" it upon the least of his fellows, spends it upon his Lord. To hold fast upon God and one will be a series of three "Travel" it upon the least of his fellows, spends it upon the least of his fellows. upon his Lord. To hold fast upon God with one hand and open wide to your neighbor—that is religion; that is the law and prophets, and the true way to all better things that are yet to come."—

A farmer thinking to be liberal to a poor visions decided to give him a ham. As he went to get it the tempter whispered "Give him the smallest one you have." He had a struggle with himself, but finally took down the largest he had, and the devil whispered, "You are a fool." "If you don't keep still," replied the farmer, "I will give him every ham I have in the smoke house."
"What makes the Dead sea dead? Be-

cause it is all the time receiving, never giving out anything.' Many Christians have testified to the fact that after tithing their incomes they have received unusual material blessings and that their incomes have been greatly increased. It is a distinct promise from the Lord that if we give it shall be given to us

11. My son, despise not the chastening of the cord; neither be weary of His correction:
12. For whom the Lord loveth He correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

"Pain is a friend rather than a foe. It stands between extremes of life and death, calling us ever toward life. It ceases when its warning has stirred the soul to thought and remedy and brought back health, or it bell, it stops when the fire is put out or burned out. Let us not resent it. It has a kind heart, though its hands hurt. An engineer does not like to see a red flag, and may know the truth, and so be made free from ignorance and peril, is a part of the mission of pain."—Maltbie D. Babcock.

"When I was a boy my mother used to send me outdoors to get a birch stick to whip me with when I had to be punished. At first I used to stand off from the rod as far as I could. But I soon found that the whipping hurt me more that way than any other; and so I went as near to my mother as I could and found she could not strike me so hard. And so when God chastens us let us kiss the rod and draw as near to Him as we can."-Moody.

The chastening of the Lord is only His dear way of leading us to that perfectness which means true success in life and hereafter. Without it we should go unwarned

13. Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

14. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

15. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

unto her.

16. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor.

17. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

18. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth

Here, then, is the summing up, the recommendation for the rules that have gone before, promise of a beautiful life. And, after all, it goes back to the first sentence in the chapter, "My son, forget not my law." Where shall wisdom be found except in the law of the Lord. In the first chapter of Joshua there is given another rule for success. "Then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have sure success," it says, and the rule is constant study and meditation of the law of the Lord. We Christian Endeavorers need to impress the study of the Bible more upon ourselves. It is, after all, the book which reminds us of the way of success and shows the difference between real success and false.

## How to Help the Leader.

Speak of the clause of our pledge about daily Bible reading, recall how it is always regarded as an event in a family when a child can feed itself. Describe its first efforts, propped up at the table, spoon upside down, but by and by it learns to feed itself, to the delight of mother. Suggest that many Christians sit about helpless, unable to feed themselves spiritually, expecting the minister to feed them, when all the time there is the Bible feast spread for all who will eat. PARALLEL PASSAGES.-Joshua, 1:7, 8

Psalms, xxxvii:5; Job, xxxiv:23; Psalms, HINTS TO THE LEADER.-The En deavor Hymnal—12, 30, 33, 42, 51, 55.
Get your pastor to say a few words on
"What Is True Success?" Take up the
different heads in this chapter, emphasiz-Take up the ing Bible study at the beginning under the head of "Forget Not My Law." Ask members to give experience of success follow-ing the keeping of any of God's laws in

Just to trust Him, that is all!
Then the day will surely be
Peaceful, whatsoe'er befall,
Bright and blessed, calm and free.
—F. R. Havergal.

## FOR THE NEW CHURCH

## TWO SOUTHERN METHODIST BISHOPS ARE COMING HERE.

During next week Bishops Candler and Hoss and Dr. W. F. McMurry will visit the city in the interests of the new Southern Methodist Episcopal Church authorized to be built in Washington by the general conference held at Birmingham, Ala., in May, 1906. Friday evening Bishop Candler will address the Epworth League Union at Mt. Vernon Place Church. He is regarded as one of the most widely known preachers and

# for Sunday Schools.

STAR LESSON FOR MARCH 17. By Rev. J. E. Gilbert, D.D.,

SECRETARY AMERICAN SOCIETY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

"JACOB AND ESAU." Genesis xxvii: 15-23, 41-45.

CONTEXT.-In last lesson Isaac's | softened his spirit and made him a better esceable disposition was displayed in man. God uses many men for His glory who are full of blemises (Luke, xxii:31). yielding the wells of water dug by his men to the herdsmen of Gerar. Removing finally to Beersheba, he was allowed to settle undisturbed, and there Abimelech came and made a covenant of friendship. Some time after his son Esau, then forty years of age, took a Hittite woman to wife, contrary to Hebrew law and usage (Gen., xxiv:38). This aca greatly grieved the parents (Gen., xxvi:35). Rebekah, his mother, plainly saw that her son, by this marriage, had made himself unworthy of the birthright of the first born, to which he was entitled, and she determined to transfer this great blessing to Jacob, the younger son. Later, as the years came on and Isaac's infirmities increased, his vision gone, he called Esau and difected him to prepare savory meat, that the blessing might be given, and all the father's estate might descend in regular order.

DECEPTION (verses 15, 16, 17).-It was then that Rebekah entered into a scheme, according to her purpose to substitute Jacob for Esau in the bestowal of the blessing. She did not attempt to dissuade her husband from his purpose. Pre sumably Isaac would not have yielded to any argument. A man was bound in those days to adhere to the custom in regard to the first born. To do otherwise would have been considered a serious offense, inasmuch as in this descent were included Messiani hopes. Hence, the end desired by Rebekah cordingly, she prepared savory meat, and she took some of Esau's clothing and put it upon Jacob, and she covered the hands with skins of goats. Thus this man of gentler mold and bearing was made like his brother, of coarser grain. It was a highhanded case of intrigue, practiced by a voman in favor of one son against another to defeat the will of her husband. Was the act justifiable? (Rom., iii:8). INTERVIEW (verse 18).—Jacob in-

herited much of his mother's disposition. On a previous occasion he had purchased pected to receive as a gift, showing that he appreciated what the latter despised, also that he was capable of overreaching his own brother. Hence, he yielded readily to his mother's suggestion and promptly carried out her plans. With the new ap-parel which she furnished and the food duly prepared he came into the presence of his aged father, and an interview followed.
"My father," was his brief and respectful greeting, barely enough to make known his presence, and all that he could prudently say. The old man started up, bewildered. The voice probably had affected some change. Neither son was recognized. "Here am I. Who art thou, my son?" was the father's reply, anxious to identify the visitor and avoid any mistake. There may have been some suspicion. FALSEHOOD (verse 19).—There was

no way to escape the answer, except to retire from the presence and abandon the purpose of the visit. He who begins a wrong course must persevere by other wrong conduct. One sinful or even unwise act draws after it another. Jacob, clad as Esau, must profess himself to be Esau. That involved a falsehood, plain, blunt and open. It is surprising that he could speak the words, but he did, "I am Esau, thy first born," every word a lie. He did not hesitate to deceive his father or to rob his brother, at a time when Divine purposes were to be accomplished through the blessing to be given to the first born. Hav-ing boldly and falsely represented himself to be another he requested the father to arise and partake of the food that he had brought as directed, and then to give the blessing that had been promised. Where was Rebekah all this time? Within hearing distance probably. SURPRISE (verses 20 and 21).—It was

expected that Esau would provide game obtained by the hunt, and that would require time, and still more time would be needed in its preparation. Isaac was therefore surprised at the speedy return, and he told Jacob so. "How is it that thou hast found so quickly?" But the son was ready with another lie, an answer that would appeal to a patriarch who had for many years trusted in God and who relied much on Divine interposition. "The Lord thy God brought it to me," said this artful deceiver. How dare he speak such words? Immediately suspicion was awakened, perhaps rekindled in Isaac's mind. He feared some imposition. This might not be Esau. The man was directed to come near, that he might be touched. This was the very thing Jacob had feared (Gen., xxvii:12), and to provide for such contingency his mother had given the clothing and the cov-

BLESSING (verses 22 and 23).—Jacob drew near, and the father's trembling hands were extended. Then came the con-flict of the senses, the touch against the hearing. A soliloouy tells the story of what transpired in the mind of the aged father. "The voice is Jacob's voice," he said. The words of the son's speech in their tones belled their meaning. But the ears are not always faithful, not always competent. Can it be that this sense with that of sight is failing? So might he have inquired of himself. Then he added, "The hands are the hands of Esau." They were hairy and not smooth and delicate. The covering was complete (Matt., vil:15). The father at last dismissed his doubts and fears, yielding to the testimony of the sense of touch. What followed is omitted by the committee from our study, but we are told that after further questioning the blessing was given, and there was then enacted a scene of great

tenderness. In oriental fashion the kiss of love was bestowed (Gen., xlv:15). HATRED (verses 41 and 42).—Passing over eighteen verses of the narrative, in which is recorded the lamentation of Esau consider the influence upon the relations of the two men. God has so constituted hu-man nature that every wrong sustained or even fancied awakens resentment in the heart of the injured party. This is the law of spiritual retribution, and accordingly Jacob was the object of Esau's hatred. And Esau meditated revenge. He proposed to himself and made known his purpose that as soon as the father was decently buried and the time of mourning had passed (Gen. 1:3), he would slay Jacob. This murderous intent was reported to Rebekah, who speedily adopted measures to prevent such a calamity. We have here an exhibit in strong colors of the life of the times. It is customary for some to disparage the social conditions of our day, contrasting them with a supposed better condition now pass-ed (Eccl. vii:10). Homicides were common

in patriarchal history. ESCAPE (verses 43, 44, 45).—A way out of the difficulty was easily found by this shrewd woman. Her old home Haran, far away to the northeast, would afford an asylum. She had been absent from it ever since she was borne away by the servant to be the bride of Isaac (Gen. xxiv:50). It is proba-ble that her womanly heart turned with afble that her womanly heart turned with al-fection for relatives, and with confidence that they would befriend her. She propos-ed, therefore, to send Jacob to her brother, Laban, to tarry there until Esau's fury, should be turned away. She did not say, perhaps she did not think of it, that this preferred son might on this visit obtain a wife of the same race, thereby making him-self more acceptable to the maternal heart, and more worthy to fill the place of the first born. Had she considered the promptings of men she might have expected what ac-tually transpired. As it was she planned a visit of a few days only and he departed on

visit of a few days only and he departed on his long journey, not to return for twenty years (Gen. xxxi:41).

REFLECTIONS.—We must remember that the narrative of the lesson pertains to events that occurred 1760 B. C., thirty-six centuries ago. Upon the deeds of that time ards of our time. Then there were no highly organized nations, there was no advanced civilization, there was no church, there were no institutions to promote knowledge and virtue. The family was the sole agency for civil, religious, educational and moral, as well as domestic happiness. Humanity was in the rough, slowly moving toward a better era. But if we may not severely condemn the course of Jacob and his mother we cannot approve. It must, however, be admitted, even with surprise, that this man who obtained his father's blessing by deception and falsehood was better fitted than his brother to be the progenitor of a great nation. There afterward came into life, moreover, influences that

pipe organ in the country. Some authorities claim it to be the most remarkable pipe organ in the world.

FAMOUS CHURCH ORGANS

OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

The Temple Beth Elohim is the possesso of this king of instruments, which was designed by the temple organist, George W. Walter, doctor of music, Columbian University, and a resident of the District for

and which represents the highest achievement extant of a type but recently evolved in the history of organ building, was constructed by the W. W. Kimball Company, Chicago, according to plans and specificationed as the Hebrew. Is this the first place in the Bible where he is so mentioned? If tions drawn by Dr. Walter. It occupies a space fifty feet wide, thirty-three feet high organist. They were assisted by Miss Adeand sixteen feet deep in a special gallery over the main entrance to the temple. It

Answer. This is the first use of the word as applied to Abraham, who was called a Hebrew because he descended from Eber (Gen. xi:16), and the designation was needed at the time mentioned to distinguish him from other Shimites. Abraham could not have been a Jew. That term denoted the posterity of Judah, Abraham's great-grand-

228. How can we prove that the idea of atonement by the death of Christ was not a carrying out of the horrible superstitions manifested in the sacrifices of the various upon rows of pipes-pipes into which a Answer. Sacrifices were common in all

Any person may send any biblical ques-

tion to Dr. Gilbert, 1503 R street northwest,

227. In Genesis xiv:13 Abraham is men-

so, why? And why that term instead of Jew?

this city, and receive answer in The Star.

the nations of antiquity, but they were not superstitious observances. On the con-trary they were religious rites offered in all sincerity to appease the supposed wrath of offended deities and to ease a troubled conoffended delties and to ease a troubled conscience. Because of their universality it is believed that they were derived from primitive man and hence contained the essentials of primitive religion. The sacrifice of Christ bore no relation to them other than the fulfillment of the purpose of Lewish sacrifices. fillment of the purpose of Jewish sacrifices.

229. What is the meaning of the word rock used by Jesus in Matthew xvi:18?
Answer. Some think it refers to Christ; others to Peter; others to Peter's confession; others to the apostles there assembled There is not room here for an extended discussion of this point. Paul seems to answer this question, as he does almost every other on religious matters (see Eph. ii:20).

230. What right have we to say that certain books belong to the Bible and others

Answer. The books now held as canonical Answer. The books now held as canonical were received at the time they were written by the contemporaries of the men who wrote them, whose inspiration was recognized. They have come to us by tradition as all books are received and authorship is acknowledged. There is no other prudent way of determining the character of any literature. We have no sufficient standany literature. We have no sufficient standards of measurement. The church in its councils has merely affirmed on this subject what the church has always accepted.

### Court Trials of Animals. From the London Chronicle.

The decision of the southwestern police court (London) magistrate that a monkey may use the pavement if he causes no obstruction reminds us that, down to a comparatively late period on the continent, the lower animals were considered amenable to the laws. Domestic animals were tried in the common criminal courts; wild animals fell under ecclesiastical jurisdiction. French antiquaries have discovered the records of ninety-two processes against animals, conducted with the strictest formalities of jus-Thus there was a lawsuit that lasted from

Julien and a kind of beetle; and at Lavigny, in 1457, a sow and her six young ones were tried on a charge of having murdered and tle pigs were acquitted on account of their youth, the bad example of their mother, and the absence of direct proof against

New Way to Telephone. From the Philadelphia Record. The new way of using the telephone, supposed to have been hit upon by one of the many health cranks who are concerned with keeping clear of germs, which is to

in the usual way, the voice, it is claimed, being carried perfectly, is now quite popu-lar in Philadelphia. The less clothing there is between the chest and the receiver th better, but if the pressure be firm the usual amount of wearing apparel, it is declared does not interfere. The scientific explanation tion of this phenomenon is that the sounds of the voice which are made in the chest are carried by the bones as they would be by a sounding board.

## Money Earned by Convicts.

From the Columbus Dispatch. It is not generally known, but it is nevertheless a fact that convicts in the Ohio penitentiary earn as high as \$50 or \$60 a month for themselves working over time.

They have a certain task to perform in eight hours, and all work they get out

The organ in St. Aloysius is as old as the church, which will celebrate its golden jubilee within a very few years. It was built by Wilcox and has a water motor.

Mr. David John Barr was the first organabove their tasks is credited to them.

In the bolt shop alone more than 200 men fivide every month \$900 for work accomplished in overtime. The convicts are not allowed to work more than eight hours a day. One man in the bolt shop earns nearly \$60 every month running what is called a perfect mill. A large number of convicts clear for themselves more than \$30 a the keys than the church became over-

many years.

This masterpiece, exclusive of its kind,

weighs nearly twenty-five tons and is of extraordinary solidity in construction, hard woods exclusively being employed for the massive framing, bearers, bracings and practically throughout the instrument. The casing is of polished mahogany. The high finish of every interior feature of the instrument is revealed by a complete system of electric lighting; the smallest parts are exposed to view; even the interior pipes can be illuminated for examination. Stairs and walkways furnish access to the rows

man could crawl, and pipes it would bother a fly to enter, any of which can be easily reached without removal of any other. To quote Dr. Walter: "In this organ the best known conditions for the speech of every distinct register of pipes have been adopted. Thus one family will speak to greater perfection on a light wind, while another requires a heavy pressure of wind for its best speech. Some kinds are in their nature so unsociable as not to brook the familiarity of a common supply with a smilingly grants that it is excelled by neighbor. In this instrument these seeming inconsistencies have been studied; each

family is placed to the greatest advantage pared and served from a table of its own. The organ is equipped with a system of wind supply altogether out of ordinary. An engine of six-horsepower operates a central system of immense storage feeders distributing through five great reservoirs of various general pressure. In this marvel-ous instrument there is no labor, weight, esistance, friction or delay to contend with. Its ease of manipulation, requir-ing only the natural touch of fingers or eet instantly to accomplish, makes possi-

### Century Behind Europe. "America, from a church-organ point of

ble the creation of a new school or organ

playing and compositions for the organ

The fame of this instrument has reached

the music centers of all Europe, and emi-

nent organists have crossed the ocean to

view, lags a century behind Europe." This opinion from 1 prominent authority doubtless represents conditions, and as there must always be a reason for a state of things, he considers that the fault lies in our lack of demand for organs of a high order. This fault promises to be remedied in Washington, however, as several of the leading churches are arranging for the in-stallment of new instruments, though it is scarcely probable that any will rival in size. ost or construction the great organ in the Temple Beth Elohim

The organ of St. Dominic's Church was considered by many judges to be the finest Washington from the time of its opening ducted with the strictest formalities of justice, from 1120 to 1740, when the last trial and execution, that of a cow, took place. sweetness and purity of tone. It was con-1445 to 1487 between the inhabitants of St. Julien and a kind of beetle; and at Lavigny.

Sidered, when erected, to be the masterpiece of Roosevelt, one of the most eminent organ builders of that day. It is thirty feet in height, twenty-eight feet in width, and partly eaten a child. The sow was found guilty and condemned to death, but the litis the present organist

The organ in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church was the gift of Gov. Alexander R. Shepherd, who was a member of the congregation throughout his life in Washington. It was built by Hutchings, Plaisted & Co. of Boston, and was formally inaugurated in 1873 by Prof. F. H. Torrington of Boston, Mr. Andrew Bradley, the first organist, was succeeded by Frederick Kroll, then by Dr. John P. Caulfield, and finally by the present organist, Prof. John Porter awrence.

When former Governor Shepherd died his press the receiver against the chest instead of holding it close to the mouth and talking and the great organ sounded his requiem. At Calvary Baptist.

The organ in Calvary Baptist Church was first used at a sacred service in November, 1895, but was followed later in the month by a recital. Mr. J. Frank Donahue, organist of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, opened the program with Handel's "Occasional Oratorio." Other organists of the evening were Prof. Lawrence and Mr. Frank Gebest, who returned from Europe to accept an engagement as organist of the church. Others who contributed were Miss Anita Cluss, harp virtuosa; Mrs. Shircliff, soprano, Mr. Wm. H. Ruger of New York, tenor, and Mr. Hoover, bass. Mr. Arthur D. Mayo is the present organist. The organ in St. Aloysius is as old as

ist, but was soon succeeded by Dr. Harry Sherman. The first outlook from St. Aloysius high white steeple showed the commons of Swampoodle, with the nearest horse cars seven squares north. Dr. Sherman seemed to possess, however, the magic of Hamlem's famous piper, for no sooner had he touched

crowded with fashionable assemblages, rep- parents.

Washington owns the most remarkable, resenting official and diplomatic society, and music lovers of all creeds and none. Madam Cecelia Young Kretchmar, whom Strakosch declared to have the most marvelous trill ever made by woman or bird, was the soprano, and it was in this choir under the directorship of Dr. Sherman, that young Eva Mills startled Washington with her lovely, fresh voice. Another singer who won her laurels at this church at a later date was Mollie Byrne who Far at a later date was Mollie Byrne, who re-signed from the choir when at the height of her vocal triumphs to marry Mr. Dominic Murphy, and who died a short time af-

terward. The organ in the Congregational Church was first heard at a grand concert given November 25, 1873, when two noted organists from New York, George W. Morgan and Henry E. Brown, shared the honors with Dr. John P. Caulfield, the regular laide Phillips and the Philharmonic Society, of which Dr. Caulfield was the president,

together with several local soloists.
Dr. J. W. Bischoff played on this organ for the first time a year later, at the seventh of a series of concerts given at the On that occasion the program included the famous old Washington Quartet, Messrs. Burnett, Ewer, Kohr and Chase. Dr. Bischoff received an ovation both from the audience and press critics, and in the following year accepted the position as organist of the church, which he has retained ever since. This organ has doubtless done more to acquaint Washington with the best compositions of the classic masters than all other local church instruments combined. In the succession of concerts which now cover a period of twenty-six years Dr. Bischoff has presented the world's best musical works, and given to the opera, the concert room and to society many splendid voices whose artistic excellence has been due exclu-sively to his training. Dr. Bischoff is loyally devoted to the instrument that has given him his years of triumphs, though he others with modern equipments, and seems, indeed, proud that the two original water motors are still in active operation.

## St. Patrick's Organ.

The organ of St. Patrick's Church was inaugurated with a recital October 7, 1895, that filled the newly completed church with a brilliant assemblage. Miss Loulie Boone, who had been the organist of the church for years previous, resigned, and married shortly after the new instrument was installed. Prof. Gumprecht has achieved a distinguished reputation for himself and choir in the years that he has been organist and director—a reputation that will be signally maintained, as plans are almostly maintained, as plans are almostly maintained to present come. ready maturing to replace the present comparatively new organ with one more keeping with the ecclesiastic splender of

St. Thomas' beautiful stone church is also to have an organ worthier of its noble architecture.

A new \$3,000 organ will be installed in the Eastern Presbyterian Church about March 31. Half of the amount was sub-scribed by the congregation and the other half was donated by Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Grace Reformed Church, which has de-veloped from a small brick changi into an veloped from a small brick chapel into an imposing granite edifice since President Roosevelt became a member of the con-gregation—though the building movement was in active progress before that time-installed its organ June 7, 1903. Miss Mat-tie Schmidt is the organist, and the choir consists of Miss Adele Levers, soprano: Miss Lillian Chenowith, contralto; Mr. W. L. Meyer, tenor, and Mr. J. P. Schick,

The organ of St. John's Church, of which mr. Roosevelt is a faithful member, is one of the best two-manual instruments in the city. It was built by the Odelf Company, and was first used October 24, 1893.

Mr. H. H. Freeman is the organist.

The organ in Eniphany Church is a time-The organ in Epiphany Church is a time-honored instrument, which, according to a

well-known musician, has been so often rebuilt as to have lost its identity.

The organ of the First Baptist Church was opened seventeen years ago by Mr. Percy S. Foster, who remained the organist from that time until his resignation a short time ago. Mr. Foster will probably be organist of the new Emanuel Baptist Church of Mt. Pleasant, which is to requipped

with a fine organ.

Mr. Thomas F. Walsh has had built in the library of his Massachusetts avenue residence the finest private pipe organ in Washington. A number of automatic organs have also been put in private houses, some of them costing as much as \$1000. some of them costing as much as \$3,000.

As the leading churches of Washington renew their pipe organs they will doubtless represent the best types of modern construction, thoug... it is scarcely likely there will ever be a duplicate to the great temple organ, which is in a class to itself.

# A Bride's Dilemma.

From the London Mail. A humorous romance is reported from Natal, where a youthful Hindu bride was recently called upon to choose between her

husband and her jewels. The case came before the Durban police court in the first instance, where the bride's parents, says the Natal Mercury, accused her husband of abducting her while under thirteen years of age. The bride, however, claimed to be eighteen, and the magistrate dismissed the case.

Outside the court a tug-of-war took place between the two parties for the possession of the bride, in the course of which it ap-peared that what her parents particularly desired was not herself, but her jewelry.

A sergeant of police then sat in judgment, and decided that the jewelry belonged to the parents, and the girl must choose between her husband and her bracelets After some cogitation she chose the husband, who promptly unfastened the bangles



Site of Proposed Immanuel Baptist Church, Northeast Corner 16th Street and Columbia Road.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CONGREGA-TION MOVES TO 16TH ST. N. W.

Site of the New Church and Sunday School House to Be Erect-

duced a very pleasant small auditorium which will be utilized until the completion of the new Sunday school house. Estimates are now being secured for this

modern in the city. In view of the recent efforts to make 16th street one of the Ralph Drexel of Panama. leading avenues of the national capital, .t | Last Thursday the Woman's Missionary is the purpose of this church to put up the | Society presented Dr. W. H. Dodson in his at the northeast corner of 16th street and most artistic group of buildings possible, as well as the most convenient. The removal to the new location has already been justified, it is said, in the large attendance and increased interest.

It is expected the new house will be ready for use by September 1.

NEW MEETING PLACE Columbia road, recently purchased for the who was recently called to this city, is exnew Immanuel Baptist Church, have pro- ceedingly popular with his people, and he has recently organized the men into the Immanuel Christian Brotherhood. Their first public meeting was held last week, at which thirty men were present, and adnew house, which is to be one of the most dresses were delivered by Rev. E. Hes Swem of the Second Baptist Church and